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CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT DIVISION RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

*MORE CHILDREN RECEIVE THE SUPPORT THEY ARE DUE, WHILE TENNESSEE
AVOIDS MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN FEDERAL FINES*

WHAT: The Department of Human Services' Child Support Enforcement Enforcement System (TCSES) was recently granted full certification by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). TCSES is the single statewide computer system for case and financial management of all Title IV-D (child support) cases. Tennessee's full federal certification was crucial in avoiding substantial fines and penalties. Several states have been penalized millions of dollars for failing to meet these high standards.

The HHS Commissioner for the Office of Child Support Enforcement, Dr. Sherri Z. Heller, will travel to Nashville to formally recognize this significant accomplishment.

WHEN: Wednesday, February 25
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: Tennessee Department of Human Services
Citizens Plaza Building
15th Floor Auditorium
400 Deaderick Street (use Charlotte Avenue entrance)
Nashville

MORE: The TCSES system contains all of Tennessee's demographic, support order and payment data. It also distributes all of the Title IV-D collections in accordance with state laws and federal regulations. TCSES locates non-custodial parents, monitors compliance with orders and initiates action to enforce child support obligations, thereby minimizing the need for worker intervention. It allows child support workers to get more cases to court, establish more orders and attach more wages. Since TCSES has come on-line, Human Services has seen a dramatic increase in child support collections for Tennessee's children. Collections from 2002 to 2003 have increased 13% from \$340 million to \$384 million.

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